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SOURCE

In November 1952, source learned that the firm of Wiedemann in Coswig and the nationalized concrete works in Cossebaude had been ordered to manufacture standardized concrete slabs. The firm of Wiedemann had received two orders for the manufacture of 7,500 units. The first batch of 3,750 units of the second order was shipped on 5 December. The slabs were made of gravel mixed with stone chippings and high-grade Portland cement No 325. The ratio of mixture was 1:3. A total of 360 slabs, each of which had a weight of 43 kg were loaded in one railroad car. The slabs were designed to have a load capacity of 100 kg per square cm.

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Comment. It was previously reported that the Soviet occupation forces in Germany had ordered the manufacture of 25,000 concrete uprights and 350,000 concrete slabs.  Besides the firm of Gerwisch  the present report mentions two other concrete plants in Saxony which have contracted to manufacture concrete slabs.

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